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Title: DIFFERENTIAL LOCKING MECHANISM  
FOR A DRIVE AXLE ASSEMBLY  
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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.322 (35 U.S.C. 254)**

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Transmitted herewith is a Certificate of Correction for U.S. Patent No. 6,991,572 issued on January 31, 2006. As to the errors in the subject patent, a review of the application and amendments confirms that the errors incurred through the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office. Since the errors for which the Certificate of Correction is sought was the result of a Patent and Trademark Office mistake, no fee is believed due. However, should there be any fees required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2789.

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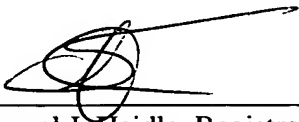
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Respectfully submitted,

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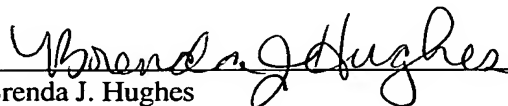


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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In Column 6, line 5, delete "level", and please replace with - - levers- -.

In Column 6, line 7, delete "of" , and please replace with - - or - -.

In Column 8, line 1, delete "claim 10", and please replace with - - claim 9 - -.

In Column 8, line 16, delete "claim 11", and please replace with - - claim 12 - - .

In Column 9, line 5, delete "claim 1", and please replace with - - claim 18 - -.

In Column 9, line 5, delete "drive axle assembly (10)", and please replace with - - a differential assembly (18) - -.

In Column 9, line 11, delete "drive axle assembly (10)", and please replace with - - a differential assembly (18) - -.

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